

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a special meeting at the LifeSpan Center; 11021 E County Road 800 N; Charleston, IL on May 15, 2010.

Acting Mayor Gover called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Chris Rankin, YEA Acting Mayor Tim Gover..

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Sue McLaughlin, Library Director Ryan Franklin, Tourism Director Angelia Burgett, Police Chief Jeff Branson, Attorney & Treasurer J. Preston Owen, Technology Coordinator Brian Johanpeter, Public Works Director David Wortman, Fire Chief Tony Nichols, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Gill, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

Council and City Staff participated in strategic planning session for the City of Mattoon to determine its direction and allocation of resources to implement its strategy. Administrator McLaughlin conducted the session where Council and Staff determined goals and timelines for the next six months. An Appearance Code was deemed as most important during the session. [Session recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:49 a.m.] Code enforcement was a second goal where certain staff would consider the standards with Council to approve the standards. A third goal was Communication, both internal and external, via the website, newsletter, email blasts, etc. The final goal was Infrastructure improvements with discussion regarding cost of projects and financing to be determined. [Session recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:37 p.m.] After reviewing the long-term goals and conducting a progress session in six months, the Staff left the meeting at 1:24 p.m. Administrator McLaughlin, Attorney & Treasurer Owen and Clerk O'Brien remained at the session.

Council discussed protocol for appointments/re-appointments of Board members, major event communications, chain-of-command, Department Head reports at Council meetings, former Young Radiator property nuisance, special election, and format of Council meetings.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to adjourn at 1:56 p.m.

Acting Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Acting Mayor Gover.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk